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1. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b);
2. PTO/SB/08A Form; and
3. Return Postcard for acknowledging receipt of same.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37**  
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A document. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Copies of the listed documents are attached. For the foreign patents, we have attached an abstract.

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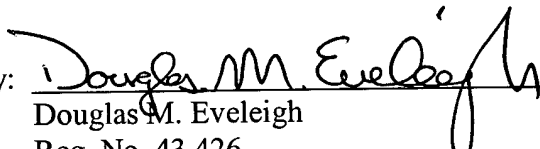
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